

GLASGOW LMC LIMITED E-NEWS March 2016

COMMITTEE NEWS

We are pleased to welcome the following new members and look forward to meeting them at our April meeting. There are still vacancies in the North, South East and Inverclyde areas further information on these vacancies can be got from the medical secretaries who will be happy to have a chat with you.

- Dr Steven Miller – Eastern District
- Dr Euan Mabon – Northern District
- Dr Parisa Ghanbari – South West District
- Dr Jacqueline McLoone – Renfrew District
- Dr Mark Storey – Renfrew District
- Dr Blair Walker – Western District

Our co-opted members Drs Punam Krishan, Michael McDonagh, Chris McHugh, Hilary McNaughtan and Michael Rennick are now elected members of the Committee. Dr Christopher Mansbridge has been co-opted for the South-East district with Dr David Taylor co-opted for the Western District.

£20M PACKAGE FOR GPs

At this year's Scottish LMC Conference, The Cabinet Secretary for Health, Shona Robison announced £20m of additional funding for GPs for 2016/17. This breaks down as - £11m for an uplift in the value of the GP contract, £5m to fund GP backfill for Practice Quality Leads to attend cluster groups, £2m for IT equipment in GP practices, and £2m to fund occupational health services for GPs and practice staff.

There was also news about reimbursement payments for maternity leave which increases to £1,686.45 per week for full time GPs.

OXYGEN

The Cabinet Secretary also announced that oxygen for GP practices will be made available from the NHS. Glasgow LMC have been pressing for this over the past few years and we are delighted that the Scottish Government has agreed that oxygen is an emergency drug and should be funded under the NHS. We will work with the Health Board to ensure that this policy announcement is implemented as soon as possible.

LES FUNDING AGREEMENT

The LMC and the Board reached a wide ranging agreement on ensuring stability of LES funding for 2016/17 and reducing the bureaucratic burden on practices in delivering the LES programme. The letter about the agreement was emailed out to all practice at the start of March and is available to download in the LMC website.

The agreement gives practices the same funding as their 2015/16 level. This will apply to the following enhanced services:-

- IUCD fitting
- Alcohol Screening/BI, CHD
- Contraceptive Implants
- COPD, Diabetes
- Heart Failure
- Repeat Prescribing
- Pre-chemo
- Stroke/TIA

Practices will receive a monthly payment of 1/12th based on their 2015/16 achievement. Practices will not be required to report activity figures for any of these enhanced services. However, the expectation will be that GPs continue to provide care and clinical practice and to record appropriate clinical information in the GP system.

CLUSTER GROUPS

The GP Contract for 2016/17 puts a requirement on GP practices to work with their Health and Social Care Partnerships in forming GP cluster groups. The aim of these cluster groups is to bring GPs together to take forward discussion on clinical quality in their locality. With the end of QOF monitoring, the future of quality monitoring will sit with cluster groups and it is important that all GP practices are engaged with this new process. SGPC are developing national guidance on cluster groups and we will inform GPs once this is finalised.

SUBJECT ACCESS REQUESTS (SAR)

GPs and practice managers are reminded of the Information Commissioners Office's advice to insurance companies that the use of SAR under the Data Protection Act (DPA) is not appropriate. We have been informed by the BMA that insurance companies have heeded the ICO advice and have reverted back to using the Access to Medical Records Act to request patient information. Therefore practices should not be receiving any new requests for SARs by these companies. Subject access requests by other parties such as the patients, lawyers or courts will continue to be valid under the DPA.

REDACTING THIRD PARTY DATA IN SARs

The LMC is aware that a practice was recently found at fault by the ICO for failing to redact third party information from a SAR. The practice is awaiting the ICO's final judgement and the potential fine could be very significant and may run into a 6 figure sum. We are urging all GP practices to have a robust and documented process in place to ensure that SARs have been checked and any third party data is redacted.

Further guidance on this issue is available from the ICO website

<https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1065/subject-access-code-of-practice.pdf>

EMISWEB STREAMING

There are 160 practices across GGC that have EMISWeb streaming enabled. This gives practices a secured mirror image of their EMIS data stored in the EMISWeb servers that can be accessed for business continuity purposes e.g. server failure/planned upgrades and it also enables additional EMIS searches capabilities. It does not have an adverse impact on the practice's IT set up or performance.

With ISO27001 accreditation, the LMC and the Board are confident that EMISWeb meets the highest standards of information security and management. We would encourage all practices to enable EMISWeb streaming.

NHSMAIL 2

The new contract for NHSmail will begin soon. Accenture will take over from BT in delivering the NHS email system for Scotland in April. Users will begin to be migrated to the new service from May/June in stages. Users of NHSmail 2 will get a larger capacity mailbox of 4Gb. SMS functionality will be maintained and continue to be free for users.

SCI GATEWAY CLINICAL ADVICE REFERRALS

The LMC along with the Board and acute hospital colleagues have begun a working group looking at implementing a referral pathway for clinical advice. Clinical haematology, chronic pain and neurology are the proposed specialities to pilot this functionality. More news about this as it develops.

PRACTICE MANAGER SPRING EVENT

This is planned for Friday 15th April at 9:30am in the Campanile Hotel, Glasgow and will cover auto enrolment and visitors from overseas. If you have not already done so and intend to come along please email elaine.mclaren@glasgow-lmc.co.uk to book a place.

SESSIONAL GP ONE DAY WORKSHOP

Date: Saturday 23rd April. Venue: Campanile Hotel, Glasgow. This is a free one day CPD event for Sessional GPs hosted on NHS GG&C Performers List and will include CPR and Anaphylaxis training and Child Protection Training. We are particularly keen for those sessional colleagues who normally find it difficult to attend LMC or Glasgow Locum Group training events to come along. If you have not already done so and intend to come along please email elaine.mclaren@glasgow-lmc.co.uk to book a place.

VALIDIUM COUNSELLING SERVICES

This is a completely confidential service for all GPs in Greater Glasgow & Clyde, including Sessional GPs on the GG&C Performer's List. Validium employ a group of experienced accredited counsellors who can be contacted 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. This confidential service can be accessed by telephone on **0800 358 4858**.

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